



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 311***

LCO No. 1538



Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:  
(ENV)

***AN ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN FARM RELATED DESIGNATIONS  
ON HIGHWAY SIGNS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (e) of section 13a-123 of the 2014 supplement  
2 to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in  
3 lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

4 (e) The following types of signs, displays and devices may, with the  
5 approval of and subject to regulations adopted by the commissioner,  
6 be permitted within the six-hundred-sixty-foot area of interstate,  
7 primary and other limited access state highways, except as prohibited  
8 by state statute, local ordinance or zoning regulation: (1) Directional  
9 and other official signs or notices, which signs and notices shall  
10 include, but not be limited to, signs and notices pertaining to natural  
11 wonders and scenic and historical attractions which are required or  
12 authorized by law; (2) signs, displays and devices advertising the sale  
13 or lease of the property upon which they are located; (3) signs, displays  
14 and devices advertising activities conducted on the property on which  
15 they are located; (4) directional and other official signs or notices

16 pertaining to facilities in this state where Connecticut-made beer is  
17 manufactured or sold, including, but not limited to, signs or notices  
18 containing the words "Connecticut Brewery Trail"; (5) directional and  
19 other official signs or notices pertaining to farming that is part of the  
20 state's agriculture tourism; (6) signs, displays or advertising devices  
21 which are in place for sixty days or less; and [(6)] (7) advertising signs,  
22 displays or devices (A) located or erected on real property or abutting  
23 real property within areas owned, leased or managed by a public  
24 authority for the purpose of (i) railway or rail infrastructure facilities,  
25 including, but not limited to, associated structures located within areas  
26 zoned solely or predominantly for the development of a railway or rail  
27 infrastructure facilities, (ii) bus rapid transit corridors, including, but  
28 not limited to, the Hartford-New Britain busway project authorized in  
29 section 13b-15a, and any shelter, structure or other facility associated  
30 with the operation of such bus rapid transit corridor, (iii) airport  
31 development zones designated in section 32-75d, or (iv) any other  
32 similar transit or freight purpose, or (B) upon or within buildings,  
33 structures or other venues in the custody or control of the state and  
34 designed, operated or intended to be operated for the purpose of  
35 presenting athletic, artistic, musical or other entertainment events.  
36 Subject to regulations adopted by the commissioner and except as  
37 prohibited by state statute, local ordinance or zoning regulation signs,  
38 displays and devices may be erected and maintained within six  
39 hundred sixty feet of primary and other limited access state highways  
40 in areas which are zoned for industrial or commercial use under  
41 authority of law or located in unzoned commercial or industrial areas  
42 which areas shall be determined from actual land uses and defined by  
43 regulations of the commissioner. The regulations of the commissioner  
44 in regard to size, spacing and lighting shall apply to any segments of  
45 the interstate system which traverse commercial or industrial zones  
46 wherein the use of real property adjacent to the interstate system is  
47 subject to municipal regulation or control, or which traverse other  
48 areas where the land use, as of September 21, 1959, was clearly  
49 established under state law as industrial or commercial.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:
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Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	13a-123(e)
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***Statement of Purpose:***

To provide for the advertising of certain farming on highway signs.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*